

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

1-10.(cancelled)

11.(previously presented) A communication network including a plurality of secondary nodes being coupled to at least one primary node, comprising:

a transmitter for transmitting packets from the secondary nodes to the primary node according to predetermined transmission properties;

a first address translator for translating initial address information carried by packets received from at least one terminal device into address information carrying information about:

(a) the predetermined transmission properties to be used for transmitting the associated packets, and

(b) a destination node; and

a second address translator for translating the address information back into the initial address information.

12.(previously presented) The communication network as claimed in Claim 11, further comprising a selector for selecting packets according to address information in their header, the transmitter transmitting the packets with the transmission properties dependent on the selection performed by the selector.

13.(previously presented) The communication network as claimed in Claim 11, wherein the primary node comprises the second address translator.

14.(previously presented) The communication network as claimed in Claim 11, further comprising a cross connect for passing packets from the secondary nodes to an outside network, wherein the second address translator is arranged for translating the address information before the packets are applied to the cross connect.

15.(currently amended) A destination node for communication in a communication system having a plurality of source nodes arranged for transmitting packets containing initial address information, such that a source node that is sending a packet performs a first address translation providing address information within the packet header designating the address of the destination node and predetermined transmission properties to be used for transmitting the associated packets, wherein the destination node is arranged to perform a second address translation, translating the address of the destination node back into the initial address information.

16.(previously presented) A communication method, comprising:

transmitting packets according to predetermined transmission properties;
translating initial address information carried by packets received from at least one terminal device into address information carrying information about the transmission properties to be used for transmission of the packets; and

translating said address information back into the initial address information at a destination node.

17.(previously presented) The communication network as claimed in Claim 11, wherein the second address translator translates the address information back into the initial address information present in the packets received by the secondary nodes from the at least one terminal device.

18.(previously presented) The communication network as claimed in Claim 11, wherein the predetermined transmission properties to be used for transmitting the associated packets include a quality of service.